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Our Hemisphere Policy

Government Criticized For Utilizing
Batista Official

By Francis R. Grant, New York Times
As an organization which protests vigorously the atrocities against freedom committed in Cuba by Batista, and which now is similarly protesting Castro's violations of civil and political liberties, we note with relief that Col. Mariano Faget, Batista secret-police official, has been dismissed from his screening duties in Florida. Tad Szulc has rendered a real service in exposing this situation.

However, we continue to be shocked as we see how little our government officials have profited from past errors. Is it possible that our responsible officials do not understand the unmoral policy of utilizing men who are infamous for their past brutalities and lack of conscience; or are we callous to the effect of these policies on our Latin-American friends or to the weapons they offer to our enemies?

The writer has just returned from Latin America with a disheartening view of the crucial problems before us.

These arise not only from the attacks of communism and Fidel Castro. They arise as much from the failure of the presumably enlightened forces there and in the United States to challenge such attacks through high principles and through implementation worthy of the plans outlined by President Kennedy.

If we wish to demonstrate to Latin America our sincerity in aiding its struggle for democracy and political, social and economic well-being, we can hardly continue to make common cause with such dodgy instruments as the Colcheta and the Porfirio Rubirosas anywhere in the Americas.

Is it possible that the C. I. A. has totally pre-empted the prerogatives of the Department of State in defining our hemisphere policy at this crucial hour?

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